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Daylily Creations

We are proud to have the privilege of bringing to the gardeners of America the outstandingly beautiful daylily hybrids of Ralph Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has long been noted as one of America's leading Amaryllis breeders and, although his new daylilies have been taking honors at exhibitions since 1940 and are known to specialists, this is the first time they have been offered to the home gardener.

To those who may not be familiar with the new daylily hybrids we would say that in the last few years this hardy perennial of our grandmother's gardens has been transformed as though by a fairy wand into new and lovely forms. Colors range from palest lemon through gold, orange, pink and red to deepest maroon purple. Stunning color patterns including bicolors, flowers with contrasting eye zones on the petals, and blends of many tints are available. Added to this are more numerous flowers, a season lasting from spring to fall, and plant size to fit any garden requirement. We predict that in a few years daylilies will become as popular and well loved as those old favorites, the rose, peony and iris.

But with the many new daylily arrivals, improvement on existing favorites has become a more and more specialized venture. One leading authority has said that a new and worthwhile plant would be one out of a thousand. Mr. Wheeler has raised some 150,000 seedling daylilies, only about thirty of which have been selected for introduction. This makes each named variety one out of five thousand. Only the best could survive in such an elimination and we believe that the daylilies herein offered are indeed the best you will find today.

These plants were raised in Florida and selected on the basis of their performance in the south. However, most of them have been tested in our own gardens under the severe conditions of the northern Adirondacks and have proven vigorous and hardy. The plants you will receive will be delivered directly to you from the originator's nursery in Florida. We send large plants which should bloom the first season after planting in your garden. No daylily performs its best until it has become established in a new location, so do not expect too much at the first blooming. We recommend early spring planting, but early fall has been quite satisfactory, especially if a light protection is given the first winter.

Mr. Wheeler's interest has been more vigorously applied to creation than propagation of these new varieties, so in consequence the quantities of many are extremely limited. Orders will be booked strictly in the order in which they are received for future delivery. For this same reason the prices are necessarily high. We feel that the purchase of a daylily which will give increasing beauty each year for a generation is an investment in enjoyment, and the extra amount spent for an outstanding variety may mean the difference between con-

tinuing satisfaction over the years, or a wish to replace the plant in a year or two. Beautiful homes deserve beautiful plants and the best is always cheapest in the long run.

It is difficult to describe in words the exotic colors of these new creations, nor would we be satisfied with the usual type of color illustration. Therefore we have prepared a portfolio showing these flowers in actual color photographs made either in our own or the originator's gardens. This portfolio is available to garden clubs, flower groups, or responsible individuals interested in the purchase of some of the new varieties. Please write us if you wish to examine these color photographs.

Individual daylilies flower over a period of from four to six weeks. We have indicated the approximate bloom season for the central and northern states. In the south they will flower a few weeks earlier. The term "multaflora" indicates plants with numerous stem branches. Such plants tend to have more flowers open at one time and are especially desirable for garden display. Size of bloom is measured across the open flower and height refers to length of blooming scapes. Generally a medium-sized flower is between 4 in. and 5 in., while a large flower is over 5 in. in spread. The year is date of first description in *Herbertia*.

**Herkimer Johnson (1940)** A very large flower, petals wide, creped, tips recurved and twisted. Sepals recurved. Flower diameter about 6½ in. The ground color is deep golden yellow with a faint but wide cinnamon dusting about the throat. Late June and July. About 3 ft. tall. **\$3.00**

**Ruby Supreme (1940)** An outstanding deep ruby red. Large flower to 7 in, petals very wide, main color Antique Ruby, sepals a little lighter. Throat greenish gold, a narrow gold line extending through the petals. Flower scapes 2½ ft. to 3 ft. tall, strong grower with multaflora habit. Blooms late June and July. Judged "Best Flower" at the National Daylily Show, Orlando, Fla. 1941. **\$10.00**

**Blackhawk (1941)** The darkest color of any of Mr. Wheeler's hybrids to date. The overall color is very deep maroon with a bright golden throat in brilliant contrast. The flower is medium in size, cup shaped with wide petals. Very sun resistent for such a deep color. Scapes about 2 ft. tall. Blooms in June and July. **\$10.00**

**Duncan (1941)** The earliest dark maroon flower. Petals and sepals a dark maroon red. Flower large with rather narrow segments. A bright gold throat sets off the petal color. Plant is vigorous, foliage light green, flowering stems 2½ ft. to 3 ft. Blooms in May and June. **\$5.00**

**Halo (1941)** A fine and unusual daylily in both form and color. Flower large, wide open with very wide frilled petals, tips twisted. Sepals wide and somewhat frilled. In color it is light yellow with a faint dusting high up on the petals and again on the petal tips. Opens at night and lasts through the next day. Useful for evening decoration. Plant robust, scapes about 3 ft. high, late June and July. **\$7.50**

**Ohred (1941)** A striking bright red day-lily. The flower is large, compact, with wide recurving segments. The throat is greenish yellow and yellow hair lines extend through the petals. Many flowers on the stem, stalks about 3 ft. tall, blooms June and July \$5.00

**Angelus (1942)** An outstanding light lemon yellow self with faint eye zone dusting. The flower is large, wide petals, well open and with segments gracefully recurved. Withstands hot summer sun extremely well. Evergreen. Scapes 3 ft. tall. Blooms in July. \$7.50

**Brackel (1942)** A deep mahogany flower with a most unusual texture to the petals. The color pattern resembles an allover design in brocade in rich, dark wine and mahogany shades. Color even deeper in the north. A very vigorous grower and recurrent bloomer in the south. Flowering stems are 2½ ft.. Blooms in June and July. \$10.00

**Paul Ihrig (1942)** A delightfully formed flower in a most unusual shade of color. The effect is of a mauve pink self produced by a blend of pastel tints. The flower is large, wide sepals and petals, well open and somewhat recurved. Throat color is greenish gold with narrow cream lines extending up into the petals. A vigorous grower to 4 ft. in height, evergreen and a recurrent bloomer in the south. Remarkably sun resistent. Flowers in June. \$7.50

**Bobolink (1943)** A brilliant purple and yellow bicolor. The flower is compact in form, medium size, with very wide frilled and creped petals of purple, a bit deeper than heliotrope. The sepals are wide, of golden yellow with some purple dusting. Throat greenish gold. Flowering stems are multaflora, 3½ ft. tall and have proliferations. A vigorous grower having four stems when two years old from seed. Recurrent bloomer in the south. Late June and July —\$15.00

**Easter Morn (1943)** A large, compact flower with very wide sepals and petals of deep yellow dusted a light violet brown with a lovely sheen. A showy eye zone adds to the life and character of this fine flower. The flowering stems are 3½ ft. tall, multaflora and have proliferations. It is a recurrent bloomer and at only two years from seed had three periods of bloom producing sixteen stems with more than 300 flowers. June and September. We rate this very highly. \$10.00

**Amherst (1944)** A large somewhat irregular flower in purple and white, the flower color being purple with milk white bands through the petals. The 30 in. stems have proliferations. The flower is well open, has frilled segments, sometimes twisted or recurved at the tips. Flowers in June and July. \$15.00

**Hazel Sawyer (1944)** This is a lavender pink day-lily of handsome form in rare coloring. The flowers are medium large on two foot stems ,well open, petals frilled. It is vigorous, increases rapidly, is a free bloomer and makes a beautiful garden subject. July. \$10.00

**Victoria (1944)** A very large, handsomely colored flower of the finest form. A definite break in daylilies, it opens with a flat face, shallow trumpet and circular effect, in the way of Dutch Amaryllis. The segments are wide, beautifully fashioned with uniform twists at the tips, enhancing the circular effect of the flower. The main color is Old Rose and the deeper eye zone is garnet. A violet sheen suffuses the entire flower. The stems are 4 ft. and gracefully carry these unusually large flowers. Blooms in July with second flowering in the south.      \$15.00

#### **DAYLILIES for NATURALIZING**

Daylilies are extremely attractive planted in masses in the border or along drives. In such a planting mixed colors are very gay and pleasing. For this purpose we offer at a very low cost unnamed seedlings in a mixture of colors. Many of these are equal or superior to the named plants now on the market, but are not different enough to warrant introduction. These will be sent by Express Collect. Sold only in mixed colors.

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